GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:216
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2007
SCHEMES OF HANDLOOM HANDICRAFT BOARDS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the schemes launched by the Handicrafts and Handloom Boards are being properly monitored and reviewed;

(b) if so, the details of the system in place for this purpose and the details as to when such monitoring/review was done in respect of each scheme;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted as a result of monitoring and review of the scheme during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.216 FOR ANSWER ON 13.3.2007.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The schemes launched for the Handloom / Handicrafts Sector are being monitored and reviewed by the Government. These schemes are not presently launched by the Handloom/Handicraft Boards.

The schemes implemented in the Handicraft Sector are monitored and reviewed through field formations. The system of monitoring includes inspection of the schemes by field offices as a pre-requisite for considering reimbursement claims. Apart from this, during the plan period, mid-term and terminal evaluation of the schemes is being done. A mid-term evaluation of major schemes which includes:- Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana

(AHVY) for integrated development of selected craft cluster; Marketing Support and Services Scheme; Design and Technical Upgradation Scheme and Export Promotion Scheme was undertaken during 10th Five Year Plan through independent agencies.

For Handloom Sector scheme, it is mandatory for all the State Governments to formulate State Level Project Committee consisting of the Secretary, In-charge of Handlooms as Chairman, State Commissioner/Director of Handlooms as Member Secretary and representatives of State Finance Department, Handloom Organizations, etc. as Members. Proposals under all the schemes are scrutinized by this Committee. The schemes in the handloom sector are being monitored for its functioning and performance by the concerned State Governments.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. As a result of monitoring and based on inspection reports, suitable actions are taken, which include settlement or curtailment of reimbursement claims or affecting recoveries etc. Based on recommendations of mid-term evaluation of schemes, certain qualifying features have been added in the schemes such as an essential pre-condition of a marketing tie-up of the NGOs implementing the Design and Technology Upgradation scheme; engaging Guiding and Monitoring Agencies etc.